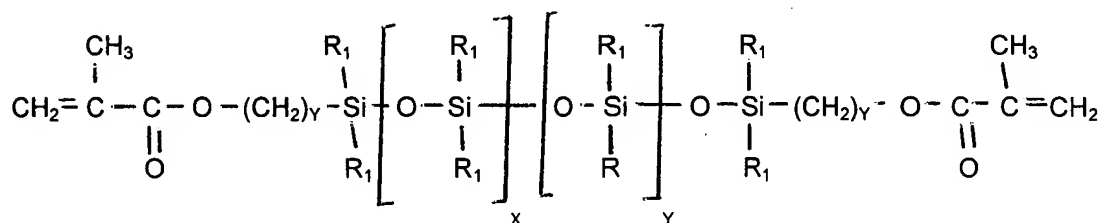


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 6-20 without prejudice before calculation of fees.

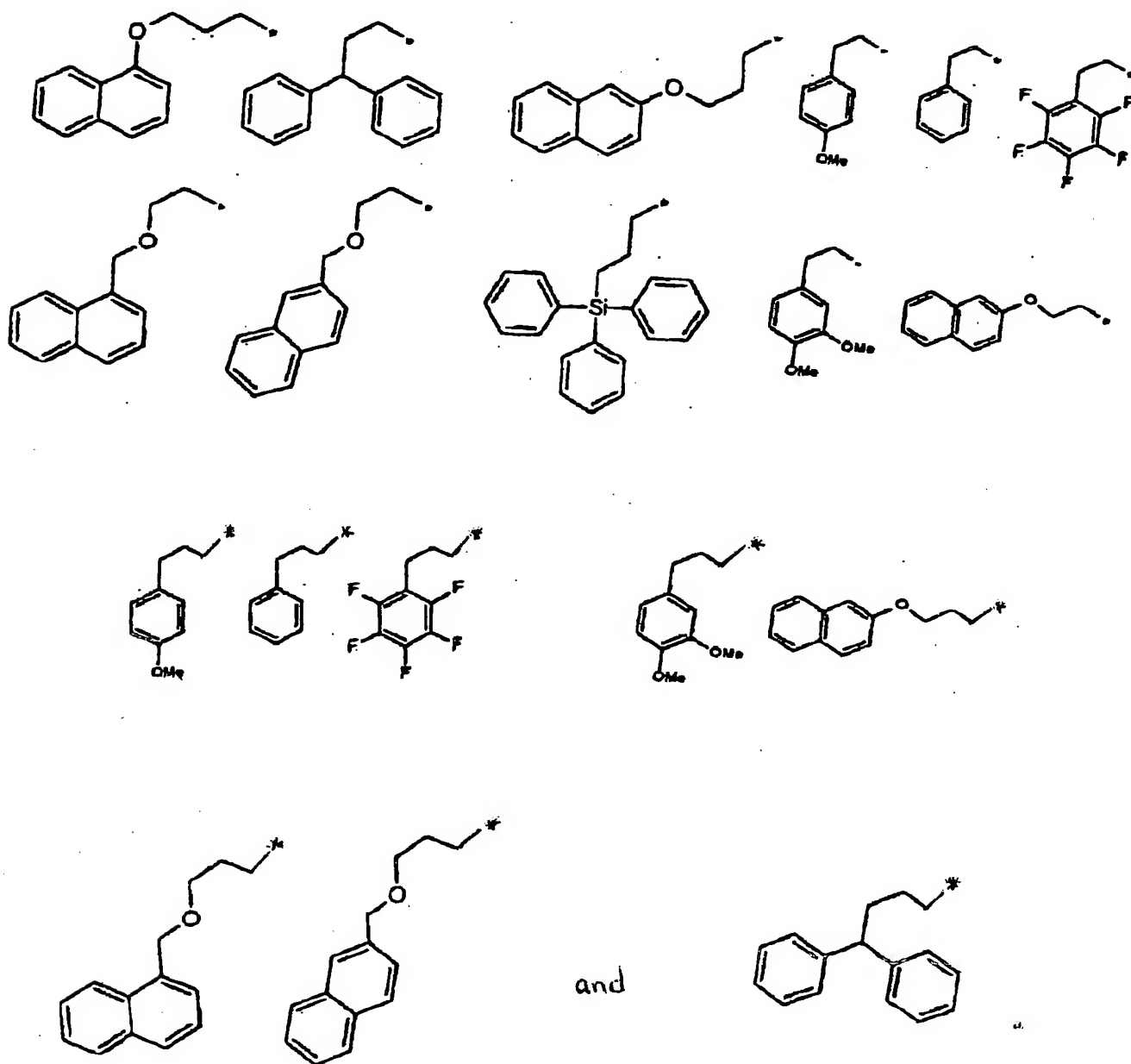
Claim 1. (Original) Aromatic-based siloxane macromonomers comprising:



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;
R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y
is a natural number.

Claim 2. (Original) The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R groups may
be the same or different C₆₋₃₀ aromatic-based substituents.

Claim 3. (Original) The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents selected from the group consisting of



Claim 4. (Original) The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R_1 groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents or alkyl substituents.

Claim 5. (Original) The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R_1 groups may be the same or different C_{6-30} aromatic-based substituents or C_{1-4} alkyl substituents.

Claims 6-20 (Withdrawn)

Should there be any questions regarding this preliminary amendment,
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Respectfully submitted,

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